

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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~~The present invention provides a device for measuring a hard granular object having a measuring vessel, a holder and a shutter which cannot be damaged by a granule caught between them when used to measure a granular object with high hardness and a method for measuring a hard granular object therewith.~~

~~The present invention also provides a device and a method for removing fine granules from a hard granular object such as spherical adsorptive carbon containing fine granules and measuring the hard granular object. A device 20 for measuring a hard granular object comprises: a measuring vessel 21 having a first face 21d, a second face 21e parallel to the first face 21d, and a space 21a formed between the first face 21d and the second face 21e for receiving a hard granular object supplied from the first face 21d side; a holder 22 located on the side of the first face 21d, having a through hole 22a communicable with the space 21a, and slidable along the first face 21d; a shutter 24 located on the side of the second face 21e, having a through hole 24a communicable with the space 21a, and movable parallel to the second face 21e; and a pressing means 23 for pressing the holder 22 toward the measuring vessel 21.~~

A device for measuring a hard granular object. The device includes a measuring vessel, a holder, a shutter, and a pressing means for pressing the holder against the measuring vessel. The measuring vessel includes a first face, a second face parallel to the first face, and a space formed between the first and second faces for receiving hard granular object supplied from first face side. The holder is located on the side of the first face, includes a through hole communicable

with the space, and is slidable along the first face. The shutter is located on the side of the
second face, includes a through hole communicable with the space, and is movable parallel to the
second face.